

**Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia****Tuesday, March 15, 2016****Thirty-Seventh Legislative Day**

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Abrams	Coleman	Gravley	McCall	Shaw
Alexander	Cooke	Greene	McClain	Sims
Allison	Coomer	Harden	Meadows	Smith, E
Atwood	Cooper	Harrell	Metze	Smith, L
Ballinger	Corbett	Hatchett	Mitchell	Smith, M
Barr	Dawkins-Haigler	Hawkins	Morris	Smith, R
Battles	Deffenbaugh	E Henson	Nimmer	Smyre
E Beasley-Teague	Dempsey	Hightower	Nix	Spencer
Belton	Dickerson	Hitchens	Oliver	Stephens, M
Bennett, K	Dickey	Holcomb	Parrish	Stephens, R
Bennett, T	Dickson	Holmes	Parsons	Stovall
Bentley	Dollar	Houston	Peake	E Stover
Benton	Douglas	Howard	Petrea	Strickland
Beskin	Drenner	Hugley	Pezold	Tankersley
Beverly	Dudgeon	Jackson	Pirkle	Tanner
Blackmon	Dukes	Jasperse	Powell, A	Tarvin
Broadrick	Dunahoo	Jones, J	Powell, J	Taylor, D
Brockway	Duncan	Jones, J.B.	Price	Taylor, T
Bruce	Ealum	Jones, L	Prince	Teasley
E Bryant	Efstration	Jones, S	Pruett	Thomas, E
Buckner	Ehrhart	Jordan	Quick	Trammell
Burns	England	Kaiser	Raffensperger	Turner
Caldwell, J	Epps	Kelley	Rakestraw	Waites
Caldwell, M	Evans	Kendrick	Ramsey	Watson
Cannon	Fleming	Kidd	Randall	Welch
Cantrell	Fludd	Knight	Reeves	Werkheiser
Carson	Frazier	LaRiccica	Rhodes	Wilkerson
Carter, A	Frye	Lott	Rice	Wilkinson
Carter, D	Gardner	Lumsden	Rogers, C	Willard
E Casas	Gasaway	Mabra	Rogers, T	Williams, A
Chandler	Gilligan	Marin	Rutledge	Williams, C
Cheokas	Glanton	Martin	Rynders	Williamson
Clark, D	Golick	Maxwell	Scott	Yates
Clark, H	Gordon	E Mayo	Sharper	Ralston, Speaker
Clark, V				

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Kirby of the 114th, Pak of the 108th, Thomas of the 56th, Weldon of the 3rd, and Williams of the 87th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Sherry Gaither, Stronghold Christian Church, Lithonia, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Cheokas of the 138th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.
2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.
3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.
6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1148. By Representatives Pezold of the 133rd, Caldwell of the 20th and Turner of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 22 and Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to eminent domain and acquisition of property for transportation purposes, respectively, so as to provide for attorney's fees and expenses of trial in appeals to condemnation compensation award amounts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 1149. By Representatives Williams of the 168th and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Education of Liberty County, approved February 10, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 3542), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 5, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3661), so as to provide for reimbursement of expenses for the chairperson and members of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1150. By Representatives Pezold of the 133rd and Allison of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to inspection of public records, so as to remove the exemption from disclosure for real estate appraisals, engineering or feasibility estimates, and other records made for or by the state or a local agency regarding the acquisition of real property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1151. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Kelley of the 16th, Dollar of the 45th, Powell of the 32nd and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to create an income tax credit for employers who hire certain veterans for full-time jobs; to provide for rules and regulations related to such income tax credit; to provide for certain conditions and limitations; to require annual reporting of certain statistics related to such credit; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1152. By Representative Dukes of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the Board of Commissioners of Seminole County, approved August 16, 1920 (Ga. L.

1920, p. 610), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 2, 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 3076), so as to change the provisions relating to the compensation of the chairperson and the other commissioners of the board; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 1718. By Representatives McClain of the 100th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th and Jones of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION requesting Georgia's congressional delegation to oppose extension of disastrous trade policies; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HR 1719. By Representative Greene of the 151st:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Hydrilla Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

By unanimous consent, the rules were suspended in order that the following Bills of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1153. By Representative Rhodes of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide that certain officials of Greene County who have served at least 15 years in office may, upon leaving, continue to participate in the county health insurance program for themselves and their dependents by paying the total cost of such participation, approved May 16, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 3664), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 24, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 3654), so as to clarify the qualifications for participation in such health insurance program; to clarify who is covered under such provision; to provide limits on coverages offered; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1154. By Representative Douglas of the 78th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, so as to change the corporate boundaries of the city; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum; to provide for contingent effective dates and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1155. By Representative Douglas of the 78th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, so as to change the corporate boundaries of the city; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 1141	HB 1142
HB 1143	HB 1144
HB 1145	HB 1146
HB 1147	HR 1683
HR 1684	HR 1685
HR 1696	HR 1704
SB 423	

Representative Cooper of the 43rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Health and Human Services, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 1254	Do Pass
SB 385	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 389	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
 /s/ Cooper of the 43rd  
 Chairman

Representative Tankersley of the 160th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1131 Do Pass  
 HB 1138 Do Pass

HB 1137 Do Pass  
 HB 1139 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
 /s/ Tankersley of the 160th  
 Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

#### HOUSE RULES CALENDAR TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 37th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

#### DEBATE CALENDAR

##### **Modified Open Rule**

SB 206	Counties and Municipal Corporations; revise provisions relating to water liens; procedures (Substitute)(Judy-Atwood-179th) Ligon, Jr.-3rd
SB 335	Retirement; permissible investments in commingled funds and collective investment funds; revise provisions (Ret-Maxwell-17th) Black-8th
SB 336	Retirement; permit governing bodies of municipal corporations to enact plans by resolution in addition to ordinance (Ret-Maxwell-17th) Black-8th
SR 730	Coastal Regional Commission; encourage to support implementation of the Coastal Georgia Greenway (NR&E-Jones-167th) Ligon, Jr.-3rd

**Modified Structured Rule**

- SB 193 Crimes and Offenses; family violence battery; change penalty provisions (Substitute)(JudyNC-Ballinger-23rd) Bethel-54th
- SB 263 Law Enforcement Officers; provide governing authority; employs sworn police officers who are P.O.S.T certified; policies; disability in line of duty (PS&HS-Caldwell-20th) Thompson-14th
- SB 269 Counties; require local governing bodies; provide certain entities with certification of compliance with Code section; condition of funding (Judy-Petrea-166th) Stone-23rd
- SB 331 Courts; causing a child to be conceived; violating certain prohibitions relating certain offenses; additional ground for terminating parental rights (Substitute)(Judy-Strickland-111th) Thompson-14th
- SB 364 "Quality Basic Education Act"; annual teacher, principal, and assistant principal evaluations; revise provisions (Substitute)(Ed-Nix-69th) Tippins-37th
- SB 402 Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Programs; provide for a moratorium on the issuance of new licenses to narcotic treatment programs (Substitute)(RegI-Weldon-3rd) Mullis-53rd
- SR 558 General Assembly; proceeds of excise taxes on sale of fireworks; funding of trauma care -CA (W&M-Battles-15th) Mullis-53rd
- SR 954 Public Property; granting of nonexclusive easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads; 16 counties (Substitute)(SProp-Dunahoo-30th) Jeffares-17th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Meadows of the 5th  
Chairman

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was postponed until the next legislative day:

- HB 1131. By Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Kaiser of the 59th, Metze of the 55th, Abrams of the 89th, Bennett of the 80th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the levy of a retail sales and use tax by the City of Atlanta for the purpose of providing public transportation of passengers for hire in the metropolitan area of the City of Atlanta; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations for the imposition of such tax; to provide for selection of projects for such

purposes; to provide for a referendum; to provide for an additional referendum in certain instances; to provide for a limitation on the collection of a tax for transportation purposes in certain counties in certain instances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the Senate, having been previously postponed, was again postponed until the next legislative day:

SB 343. By Senator Parent of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Decatur independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for five years in the full amount of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1137. By Representatives Cooke of the 18th and Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act consolidating the offices of Tax Receiver and Tax Collector of Haralson County into the office of Tax Commissioner of Haralson County, approved March 21, 1958 (Ga. L. 1958, p. 2917), as amended, so as to modify the compensation of the tax commissioner; to provide that all fees, commissions, costs, and perquisites collected by the tax commissioner shall be the property of Haralson County; to modify the appointment and compensation of deputies and clerical staff; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1138. By Representatives Cooke of the 18th and Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Haralson County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of \$4,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are 65 years of age or older and whose income, together with the income



of the spouse of such resident who resides within such homestead and excluding certain retirement income, does not exceed \$10,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1139. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th and Meadows of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to repeal and replace the Charter of the City of Fairmount, approved April 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 3136), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of the city by annexing certain territory to the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Cooke	Y Harden	Y Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
E Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	Stephenson
Y Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stovall
Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	E Stover
Y Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Drenner	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	Y Jones, L	Y Price	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Y Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efstration	Y Jordan	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	Y Thomas, E
Y Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	Y Rakestraw	Y Turner

Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Kirby	Y Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Fludd	Y LaRicca	Y Rhodes	Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	Y Frye	Y Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter, D	Y Gardner	Y Mabra	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
E Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Y Martin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	E Mayo	Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Cook, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 241. By Senator Jackson of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the compensation of certain officials in Chatham County, approved March 26, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4797), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 29, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 4351), so as to provide for the compensation of certain Chatham County officials; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 426. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Sugar Hill, approved May 14, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3546), so as to change provisions relating to municipal property ownership; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

- HB 509. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Tankersley of the 160th, Hitchens of the 161st and Williams of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health care facilities, so as to implement initiatives to improve quality and delivery of patient centered and family focused palliative care in this state; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to create the Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council; to establish a state-wide Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 555. By Representatives Chandler of the 105th, Taylor of the 173rd, Cantrell of the 22nd, Setzler of the 35th, Clark of the 101st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for the reporting of certain statistics regarding juveniles seeking abortions without parental notice; to amend Article 5 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to abortion, so as to make reporting requirements applicable to all abortions performed; to amend Chapter 9A of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the "Woman's Right to Know Act," so as to make reporting requirements applicable to all abortions performed; to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to State Employees' Health Insurance Plan, so as to clarify that elective abortions are not covered under the state health insurance plan; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 676. By Representative Brockway of the 102nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 29 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to information technology, so as to provide for the submission of business cases in certain circumstances; to provide for change management requirements for certain projects; to provide for legislative intent and findings; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 887. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Quick of the 117th, Caldwell of the 131st, Abrams of the 89th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Articles 3 and 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dependency proceedings and termination of parental rights, respectively, so as to prioritize

the placement of a child with a relative who is an adult or fictive kin when such individual is qualified to care for such child and it is in the best interests of the child; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 768. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Willard of the 51st, Fludd of the 64th, Jones of the 47th, Turner of the 21st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 30 of the O.C.G.A., relating to disabled persons, so as to provide for the establishment of a qualified ABLE program in this state to enable the contribution of funds to tax-exempt accounts to pay for the qualified expenses of eligible individuals with disabilities; to amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to computation of taxable net income; to amend Code Section 50-13-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the definitions for purposes of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, so as to exclude the Georgia ABLE Program Corporation from the meaning of "agency"; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 421. By Representatives Nimmer of the 178th, Coomer of the 14th, Dickey of the 140th and Rogers of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-2-221 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disability allowances payable to personnel for certain disabilities arising in the line of duty, so as to provide that community supervision officers employed by the Department of Community Supervision shall be entitled to certain disability benefits; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 635. By Representative Epps of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement Fund, so as to increase the number of years of mandatory contribution to such fund; to increase the maximum number of years used to

calculate benefits; to provide for certain creditable service; to provide for application and payment of funds; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 725. By Representatives Cantrell of the 22nd, Spencer of the 180th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Weldon of the 3rd, Evans of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child abuse and deprivation records, so as to provide for greater confidentiality of child abuse records; to provide for and revise definitions; to change provisions relating to persons and agencies permitted access to records of child abuse; to provide for contents of a protective order; to provide for immunity for child advocacy centers in releasing child abuse records under certain circumstances; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 747. By Representatives Rogers of the 10th, Nimmer of the 178th, Dickey of the 140th, Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles, so as to update the reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 786. By Representative Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Manchester, approved August 16, 1909 (Ga. L. 1909, p. 1071), as amended, particularly by an Act approved August 20, 1923 (Ga. L. 1923, p. 739), an Act approved March 28, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4980), and an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 3692), so as to change provisions relating to the filling of vacancies in the offices of members of the governing authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 871. By Representatives Dickey of the 140th, Rogers of the 10th and Nimmer of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 10-1-791 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to consumer fees collected to implement

Article 28 of Chapter 1 of Title 10, the "Georgia Lemon Law," so as to require consumer fees to be forwarded to the Department of Law for deposit in the new motor vehicle arbitration account; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 965. By Representatives Cheokas of the 138th, Burns of the 159th, Smyre of the 135th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Greene of the 151st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general insurance provisions, so as to provide that no health benefit plan shall require an insured to fail to successfully respond to a drug or drugs for stage four advanced, metastatic cancer prior to the approval of a drug prescribed by his or her physician; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1049. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Stephens of the 165th, Gordon of the 163rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Bryant of the 162nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and Chatham County, approved March 21, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2636), as amended, so as to authorize members of the Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and Chatham County to censure its members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1050. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Stephens of the 165th, Gordon of the 163rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Bryant of the 162nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend several Acts relating to and incorporating the mayor and aldermen of the City of Savannah, so as to authorize members of the governing body of the City of Savannah to censure its members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1051. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Stephens of the 165th, Gordon of the 163rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Bryant of the 162nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act completely revising the laws relative to the governing authority of Chatham County, approved March 29, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 5050), as amended, so as to provide for an additional

power of the board to censure members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1053. By Representative Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new board of education of Grady County, approved March 5, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2120), as amended, so as to provide that members of the board of education shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis; to provide for continuation in office of current members of the board; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1093. By Representatives Hightower of the 68th, Nix of the 69th, Cooke of the 18th and Smith of the 70th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing that the tax commissioner of Carroll County shall retain 1 percent of educational funds collected by said officer and remit the same to the governing authority of Carroll County to reimburse the county for the cost of collecting school taxes, approved March 27, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 3698), so as to increase the percentage of educational funds retained and remitted by said officer for said purpose to the governing authority of Carroll County; to provide a statement of intention and authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1109. By Representatives Setzler of the 35th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Reeves of the 34th, Carson of the 46th, Cooper of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to reincorporate and provide a new charter for the City of Acworth," approved February 17, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3512), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4201), so as to adopt by reference a certain map; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

SB 241. By Senator Jackson of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the compensation of certain officials in Chatham County, approved March 26, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4797), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 29, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 4351), so as to provide for the compensation

of certain Chatham County officials; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 426. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Sugar Hill, approved May 14, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3546), so as to change provisions relating to municipal property ownership; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Cheokas of the 138th, Broadrick of the 4th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st et al., Gardner of the 57th, Kidd of the 145th, Dickey of the 140th, Stovall of the 74th, Dollar of the 45th, Jasperse of the 11th, Parsons of the 44th, Glanton of the 75th et al., Rynders of the 152nd, Pirkle of the 155th et al., Randall of the 142nd, and Coleman of the 97th.

Pursuant to HR 1170, the House recognized February as Career & Technical Education Month and February 17, 2016, as Georgia Career and Technical Student Organizations Day at the state capitol.

Pursuant to HR 1538, the House congratulated the Commerce High School wrestling team on winning their third consecutive Class A Traditional State title.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills and Resolutions of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 335. By Senators Black of the 8th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Hill of the 6th, Jones of the 10th and Lucas of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to revise provisions related to permissible investments in commingled funds and collective investment funds; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.



The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Cooke	Y Harden	Y Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
E Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	Y Stephenson
Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stovall
Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	Y Stover
Y Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Drenner	Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	Y Jones, L	Y Price	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Y Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efstration	Y Jordan	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	Y Thomas, E
Y Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	Y Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	Y Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	Floyd	Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Fludd	Y LaRiccica	Rhodes	Y Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	Y Frye	Y Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter, D	Y Gardner	Y Mabra	Y Rogers, T	N Wilkinson
E Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Y Martin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	E Mayo	Y Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 167, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 193. By Senators Bethel of the 54th, Stone of the 23rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Parent of the 42nd, Unterman of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-5-23.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to battery, so as to change

penalty provisions relating to family violence battery; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 16-5-23.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to battery, so as to change penalty provisions relating to family violence battery; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 16-5-23.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to battery, is amended by revising subsection (f) as follows:

"(f)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'household member' means ~~If the offense of battery is committed between~~ past or present spouses, persons who are parents of the same child, parents and children, stepparents and stepchildren, foster parents and foster children, or other persons living or formerly living in the same household, ~~then such offense.~~

(2) If the offense of battery is committed between household members, it shall constitute the offense of family violence battery and shall be punished as follows:

(1)(A) Upon a first conviction of family violence battery, the defendant shall be guilty of and punished for a misdemeanor; provided, however, that if the defendant has previously been convicted of a forcible felony committed between household members under the laws of this state, of the United States, including the laws of its territories, possessions, or dominions, or any of the several states, or of any foreign nation recognized by the United States, which if committed in this state would have constituted a forcible felony committed between household members, he or she shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years; and

(2)(B) Upon a second or subsequent conviction of family violence battery against the same or another victim, the defendant shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years.

(3) In no event shall this subsection be applicable to reasonable corporal punishment administered by parent to child."

**SECTION 2.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Cooke	Y Harden	Y Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
N Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
E Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	Y Stephenson
Y Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stovall
Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	Y Stover
Y Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Drenner	Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	N Jones, L	Y Price	Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Y Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efstration	Y Jordan	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	Y Thomas, E
Y Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	Y Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	Y Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Fludd	Y LaRiccica	Y Rhodes	Y Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	Y Frye	Y Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter, D	Y Gardner	Y Mabra	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
E Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Y Martin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	E Mayo	Y Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 170, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SR 730. By Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st and Jackson of the 2nd:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the Coastal Regional Commission and other entities to support implementation of the Coastal Georgia Greenway; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Cooke	Y Harden	Y Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	N Harrell	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
N Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	E Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
N Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
E Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	Y Stephenson
Y Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stovall
Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	N Stover
Y Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Drenner	Jackson	N Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	N Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	N Duncan	Y Jones, L	Y Price	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Y Jones, S	Y Prince	N Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efstoration	Y Jordan	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	Y Thomas, E
Y Buckner	Y England	N Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	N Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	Y Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Fludd	Y LaRiccica	Y Rhodes	Y Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	Y Frye	Y Lumsden	N Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter, D	Gardner	Y Mabra	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
E Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	N Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	N Gilligan	N Martin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Clark, D	Y Golick	E Mayo	Y Setzler	Williams, E
N Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
N Clark, V	N Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 149, nays 18.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

SB 263. By Senators Thompson of the 14th, Harper of the 7th, Bethel of the 54th, Mullis of the 53rd, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide that the governing authority of each municipality and county in this state and each board of education which employs sworn police officers who are P.O.S.T. certified may adopt policies under which such sworn officers, upon their retirement or upon leaving such employment as a result of a disability arising in the line of duty, may retain his or her weapon and badge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Abrams	Y Cooke	Y Harden	N Metze	N Smith, E
N Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	N Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatcher	Y Morris	N Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	N Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	E Dawkins-Haigler	N Henson	Y Nimmer	N Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	N Oliver	N Stephens, M
E Beasley-Teague	N Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	N Stephenson
N Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	N Stovall
N Bennett, T	Y Dollar	N Howard	Y Peake	Y Stover
N Bentley	N Douglas	N Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	N Drenner	Jackson	Y Pezold	Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
N Beverly	N Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	Y Jones, L	Y Price	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	N Ealum	N Jones, S	N Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efratration	N Jordan	Y Pruett	N Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Ehrhart	Kaiser	Y Quick	N Thomas, E
N Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Burns	Y Epps	N Kendrick	Y Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	N Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	N Waites
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	N Randall	Y Watson
N Cannon	Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	N Fludd	Y LaRiccia	Y Rhodes	Y Weldon
Y Carson	N Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	Y Frye	Y Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	N Wilkerson
N Carter, D	N Gardner	Y Mabra	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
E Casas	Y Gasaway	N Marin	Y Rutledge	Y Willard

Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Y Martin	Y Rynders	N Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	N Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	E Mayo	Y Setzler	N Williams, E
Y Clark, H	N Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	N McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 123, nays 46.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SR 558. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Harbison of the 15th, Harper of the 7th, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the proceeds of excise taxes on the sale of fireworks in this state be dedicated to the funding of trauma care, fire services, burn treatment, and local public safety purposes in the State of Georgia; to provide that such funds shall not lapse; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Cooke	Y Harden	Y Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
N Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	E Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
E Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	Y Stephenson
Y Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stovall
Y Bennett, T	Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	N Stover
Y Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Drenner	Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	Y Jones, L	Y Price	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Y Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efstration	Y Jordan	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	Y Thomas, E
Y Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell

Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	Y Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	Y Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Fludd	Y LaRiccica	Y Rhodes	Y Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	Y Frye	Y Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter, D	Y Gardner	Y Mabra	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
E Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Y Martin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	E Mayo	Y Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 169, nays 2.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

Representative Randall of the 142nd assumed the chair.

SB 336. By Senators Black of the 8th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Jones of the 10th and Lucas of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., related to retirement plans of the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System, so as to permit governing bodies of municipal corporations to enact plans or join a master plan by resolution in addition to ordinance; to designate a board of trustees for a master plan; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	N Cooke	Y Harden	Y Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
N Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
E Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	Y Stephenson
Y Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stovall
Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	N Stover
Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland

Y Benton	Y Drenner	Jackson	N Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Duncan	Y Jones, L	N Price	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Y Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efstration	Y Jordan	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	Y Thomas, E
Y Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	Y Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Fludd	Y LaRiccica	Y Rhodes	Y Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	Y Frye	Y Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter, D	Y Gardner	Y Mabra	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
E Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	N Martin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	E Mayo	Y Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 163, nays 6.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

SB 206. By Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to revise provisions relating to water liens; to provide for procedures for water liens, amended water liens, and cancellation of water liens and the forms therefor; to provide for bonds; to provide for contest of liens; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

#### A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide for



a procedure to obtain information regarding moneys owed for water supplied to certain real property under certain circumstances; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, is amended by revising Code Section 36-60-17, relating to water supplier's cut off of water to premises because of indebtedness of prior owner, occupant, or lessee prohibited, as follows:

"36-60-17.

(a) No public or private water supplier shall refuse to supply water to any single or multifamily residential property ~~to~~ for which water has been furnished through the use of a separate water meter for each residential unit on application of the owner or new ~~resident~~ tenant of ~~the premises~~ such property because of the indebtedness of a prior owner, prior occupant, or prior lessee to the water supplier for water previously furnished to such ~~premises~~ property.

(b) For each new or current account to supply water ~~to any premises or property~~, the public ~~or~~ and private water ~~supplier~~ suppliers shall maintain a record of identifying information on the ~~user of~~ applicant for the water service and shall seek reimbursement of unpaid charges for water service furnished initially from the person who incurred the charges.

(c)(1) Any real property owner or tenant, person having executed a contract for the purchase or occupancy of real property, attorney closing a real estate transaction for the purchase of real property, or lender considering the loan of funds to be secured by real property shall be entitled upon request to a statement from a public or private water supplier setting forth the amount of water charges currently and past due and any late charges and interest applicable for water supplied to such property. Such request shall:

(A) Be in writing;

(B) State the address of the real property for which water was supplied;

(C) Be delivered to the billing address of the public or private water supplier by certified mail, return receipt requested, statutory overnight delivery, or electronic means if electronic communication is permitted by such supplier; and

(D) State a return address or e-mail address to which the statement reflecting the moneys owed is to be directed.

(2) Any request transmitted by electronic means shall be considered received on the first business day following such transmission.

(3) The public or private water supplier shall furnish such statement to the requestor by certified mail, return receipt requested, statutory overnight delivery, or electronic means if electronic communication is provided by the requestor within ten business

days of receipt of such request. Such supplier may charge a fee not to exceed \$10.00 to provide the requested information.

(4) The failure of the public or private water supplier to provide such statement within such ten business day period shall:

(A) Cause any lien for unpaid charges provided by this Code section to be extinguished and to be of no force or effect as to the title acquired by the purchaser or lender, if any, and their respective successors and assigns in the transaction contemplated in connection with such request; and

(B) Prevent the public or private water supplier from denying water services to the new real property owner or tenant.

(5) The information specified in the public or private water supplier's statement shall be binding upon the public or private water supplier as of the date of the statement and for 30 days thereafter. When payment in full is tendered within such 30 day period, it shall extinguish any lien by operation of law which the public or private water supplier may have against such property.

~~(e)~~(d) A public or private water supplier shall not impose a lien against real property to secure unpaid charges for water furnished unless the owner of such real property is the person who incurred the charges and shall not deny water services when such a lien has been extinguished.

(e) This Code section shall not apply to associations that are subject to Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 44 which supply water.

~~(d)~~(f) A public or private supplier of gas, sewerage service, or electricity shall not impose a lien against real property to secure unpaid charges for gas, sewerage service, or electricity unless the owner of such real property is the person who incurred the charges."

## SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Cooke	Y Harden	Y Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
E Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	Y Stephenson
Y Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stovall

Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	Y Stover
Y Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Drenner	Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	Y Jones, L	Y Price	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Y Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efstration	Y Jordan	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	Y Thomas, E
Y Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	Y Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	Y Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Fludd	LaRiccica	Y Rhodes	Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	Y Frye	Y Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter, D	Y Gardner	Y Mabra	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
E Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Y Martin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	E Mayo	Y Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, H	Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 170, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 1:15 o'clock, this afternoon.

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

The Speaker called the House to order.

Representative Sims of the 123rd District, Chairman of the Committee on State Properties, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on State Properties has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 327      Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Greene of the 151st  
Secretary

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1721. By Representatives Carter of the 92nd, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st and Kendrick of the 93rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Antoinette G. Alvarado for receiving the 2016 Georgia NOBEL Women Award; and for other purposes.

HR 1722. By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, Williams of the 119th, Rogers of the 29th, Quick of the 117th, Frye of the 118th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the University of Georgia Department of Public Administration and Policy and marking the 50th anniversary of the Masters of Public Administration Program; and for other purposes.

HR 1723. By Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Cooper of the 43rd, Jones of the 53rd, Price of the 48th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 15, 2016, as Atlanta Junior Rowing Association Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1724. By Representative Parrish of the 158th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. George F. Hostilo III; and for other purposes.

HR 1725. By Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Stovall of the 74th, Bruce of the 61st, Jones of the 53rd, Fludd of the 64th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Nathaniel Bronner; and for other purposes.

HR 1726. By Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Bruce of the 61st, Jones of the 53rd, Metze of the 55th and Beasley-Teague of the 65th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Commissioner Emma I. Darnell; and for other purposes.

HR 1727. By Representative Cheokas of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Stuart Perry; and for other purposes.

HR 1728. By Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Bruce of the 61st, Smyre of the 135th, Jones of the 53rd, Beasley-Teague of the 65th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Rita Jackson Samuels; and for other purposes.

HR 1729. By Representatives Parrish of the 158th, England of the 116th, Jasperse of the 11th, Smith of the 134th, Williams of the 119th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Charles Allen Nasworthy; and for other purposes.

HR 1730. By Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Bruce of the 61st and Jones of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Bishop Barbara Lewis King; and for other purposes.

HR 1731. By Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Bruce of the 61st and Jones of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Joyce Dorsey; and for other purposes.

HR 1732. By Representative Thomas of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Greg Fann; and for other purposes.

HR 1733. By Representative Thomas of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ivory Lee Young, Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1734. By Representative Thomas of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Donata Russell Major; and for other purposes.

HR 1735. By Representative Thomas of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Marvin S. Arrington, Jr., the District 5 Fulton County Commissioner; and for other purposes.

HR 1736. By Representative Thomas of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Councilman Andre D. Dickens; and for other purposes.

HR 1737. By Representative Thomas of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Lillie P. Allen; and for other purposes.

HR 1738. By Representative Thomas of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Joyce Littel; and for other purposes.

HR 1739. By Representative Thomas of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Marvin S. Arrington; and for other purposes

HR 1740. By Representative Thomas of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Karl Webster Barnes; and for other purposes.

HR 1741. By Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Jones of the 53rd, Bruce of the 61st, Beasley-Teague of the 65th and Metze of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Jasper W. Williams, Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1742. By Representative Thomas of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Proctor Creek Stewardship Council; and for other purposes.

HR 1743. By Representative Thomas of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Drennell Thomas; and for other purposes.

HR 1744. By Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Stovall of the 74th, Jones of the 53rd, Metze of the 55th and Beasley-Teague of the 65th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Kwanza Hall; and for other purposes.

HR 1745. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Sims of the 123rd, Greene of the 151st and Evans of the 42nd:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Aquarium and recognizing the facility's ten-year anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1746. By Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Stovall of the 74th, Bruce of the 61st, Jones of the 47th and Wilkinson of the 52nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Dan T. Cathy; and for other purposes.

HR 1747. By Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Stovall of the 74th, Jones of the 53rd and Beasley-Teague of the 65th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Commissioner Joan Garner; and for other purposes.

HR 1748. By Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Thomas of the 56th, Carter of the 92nd, Jones of the 53rd and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the National Hookup of Black Women, Inc., Atlanta Metro Chapter; and for other purposes.

HR 1749. By Representative Thomas of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Yafah B. Israel; and for other purposes.

HR 1750. By Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Jones of the 53rd, Kidd of the 145th and Beasley-Teague of the 65th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jerry Tucker; and for other purposes.

HR 1751. By Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Stovall of the 74th, Jones of the 53rd, Metze of the 55th and Beasley-Teague of the 65th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Joseph Hudson; and for other purposes.

HR 1752. By Representative Cheokas of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. Mike Lamar Moon; and for other purposes.

HR 1753. By Representatives McClain of the 100th, Prince of the 127th, Duncan of the 26th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th and Smyre of the 135th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Michael Douglas and commending the Harlem Legends on the occasion of their 25th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1754. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th, England of the 116th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Leonard "Lenny the Penny" Taylor for his outstanding public service as a Georgia State Capitol Safety Officer; and for other purposes.

HR 1755. By Representative Ralston of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION commending the House Interns for the 2016 Regular Session; and for other purposes.



HR 1756. By Representative Cheokas of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jonathan Crowder, outstanding Georgia citizen and Eagle Scout; and for other purposes.

HR 1757. By Representatives Williams of the 119th, Quick of the 117th, Smith of the 134th and Tankersley of the 160th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Chairman Melvin Davis on the grand occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the Senate was postponed until the next legislative day:

SB 331. By Senators Thompson of the 14th, Hill of the 32nd, Cowsert of the 46th, McKoon of the 29th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-2 and Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions for the Juvenile Code and domestic relations, respectively, so as to provide that causing a child to be conceived as a result of violating certain prohibitions relating to certain offenses is an additional ground for terminating parental rights; to revise definitions; to provide that causing a child to be conceived as a result of violating certain prohibitions relating to certain offenses is an additional ground for losing parental rights and is relevant in certain adoption proceedings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 364. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Sims of the 12th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to revise provisions relating to annual teacher, principal, and assistant principal evaluations; to revise provisions relating to student assessment; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to revise provisions relating to annual teacher, principal, and assistant principal evaluations; to revise provisions relating to student assessments; to provide for mastery in reading by the end of third grade and mastery in basic math skills by the end of fifth grade; to provide for complaints on procedural deficiencies in conducting evaluations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-210, relating to annual performance evaluations, as follows:

"(b)(1) No later than the 2014-2015 school year, each local school system and all charter schools shall implement an evaluation system as adopted and defined by the State Board of Education for elementary and secondary school teachers of record, assistant principals, and principals. The evaluation system shall be developed by the department in consultation with stakeholders, such as teachers and principals. The evaluation system shall use multiple measures, ~~prioritizing growth in student achievement as specified in this subsection.~~ For purposes of the evaluation system established pursuant to this subsection, the state board shall define and designate teachers of record, assistant principals, and principals; provided, however, that growth in student achievement shall not include the test scores of any student who has not been in attendance for a specific course for at least 90 percent of the instructional days for such course.

~~(2) Teachers of record, assistant principals, and principals shall be evaluated using multiple, rigorous, and transparent measures. Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, teachers of record, assistant principals, and principals shall be given written notice in advance of the school year of the evaluation measures and any specific indicators that will be used to evaluate them. Evaluation measures shall include the following elements:~~

~~(A) For teachers of record who teach courses that are subject to annual state assessments aligned with state standards and the principals and assistant principals of elementary or secondary schools that are subject to such assessments, growth in student achievement on such assessments shall count for at least 50 percent of the evaluation, using the student growth and academic achievement measures identified in the evaluation system;~~

~~(B) For teachers of record who teach courses not subject to annual state assessments, growth in student achievement shall be assessed through measures of student achievement growth developed at the school system level and approved by the Department of Education. When sufficient data becomes available from the department to calculate student achievement growth measures, such measures of student achievement growth shall count for at least 50 percent of the evaluation, using student growth and academic achievement measures developed by the school system in a process approved by the State Board of Education;~~

~~(C) For teachers of record, the annual evaluation shall also include multiple additional measures that shall be correlated with impacts on student achievement results. These measures shall include multiple classroom observations each year by appropriately trained and credentialed evaluators, using clear, consistent observation rubrics, and supplemented by other measures aligned with student achievement, including student perception data and documentation of practice; and~~

~~(D) For assistant principals and principals, the annual evaluation shall also include multiple additional measures that shall be aligned with impacts on student achievement results. These measures shall include multiple school observations each year by appropriately trained and credentialed evaluators. When sufficient data becomes available from the department to calculate performance measures, these measures shall also include the principal's ability to attract and retain highly effective teachers, effectively manage the school, and establish a positive climate for learning, and other measures aligned with student achievement for students in all subgroups. Reserved.~~

(3) Teachers of record, assistant principals, and principals shall be evaluated using multiple, rigorous, and transparent measures. Teachers of record, assistant principals, and principals shall be given written notice in advance of the school year of the evaluation measures and any specific indicators that will be used to evaluate them. Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, evaluation measures shall include the following elements:

(A) For teachers of record who teach courses that are subject to annual state assessments aligned with state standards, the evaluation shall be composed of the following:

(i) Student growth, based on student scores on the annual state assessment, shall count for 30 percent of the evaluation;

(ii) Professional growth shall count for 20 percent of the evaluation. Professional growth shall be measured by progress toward or attainment of professional growth goals within an academic school year or across academic school years. Professional growth goals may include measurements based on multiple student growth indicators, evaluations and observations, standards of practice, and any additional professional growth measures allowed by the local school system's or charter school's flexibility contract or other agreement with the State Board of Education for local school systems that are not under a flexibility contract; and

(iii) Teacher evaluations and observations conducted pursuant to paragraph (5) of this subsection shall count for 50 percent of the evaluation.

(B) For teachers of record who teach courses that are not subject to annual state assessments aligned with state standards, the evaluation shall be composed of the following:

(i) Student growth shall count for 30 percent of the evaluation. Student growth shall include at least one student growth measure and may utilize other student growth indicators, including the school or local school system total score on the annual state assessments, as allowed by the local school system's or charter school's flexibility contract or other agreement with the State Board of Education for local school systems that are not under a flexibility contract for at least one classroom for each teacher of record who teaches courses that are not subject to annual state assessments aligned with state standards. This provision shall not be construed to require the measurement of student growth for every student taking courses that are not subject to annual state assessments aligned with state standards;

(ii) Professional growth shall count for 20 percent of the evaluation. Professional growth shall be measured by progress toward or attainment of professional growth goals within an academic school year or across academic school years. Professional growth goals may include measurements based on multiple student growth indicators, evaluations and observations, standards of practice, and any additional professional growth measures allowed by the local school system's or charter school's flexibility contract or other agreement with the State Board of Education for local school systems that are not under a flexibility contract; and

(iii) Teacher evaluations and observations conducted pursuant to paragraph (5) of this subsection shall count for 50 percent of the evaluation.

(C) For principals and assistant principals, the evaluation shall be composed of the following:

(i) Student growth, based on the school score on annual state assessments, shall count for 40 percent of the evaluation;

(ii) School climate shall count for 10 percent of the evaluation;

(iii) A combination of achievement gap closure, Beat the Odds, and College and Career Readiness Performance Index data, as allowed by the flexibility contract or other agreement with the State Board of Education for local school systems that are not under a flexibility contract, shall count for 20 percent of the evaluation; and

(iv) The results of evaluations, observations, and standards of practice shall count for 30 percent of the evaluation.

~~(3)~~(4) The evaluation system adopted by the State Board of Education shall give every teacher of record, assistant principal, and principal one of four rating levels that are designated as 'Exemplary,' 'Proficient,' 'Needs Development,' or 'Ineffective,' as further defined by the State Board of Education. A rating of 'Ineffective' shall constitute evidence of incompetency as provided by paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of

Code Section 20-2-940. Each teacher of record, assistant principal, and principal shall be evaluated on his or her own individual merits and neither the State Board of Education, a local school system, nor a charter school shall impose or require any quota system or predetermined distribution of ratings for teachers of record, assistant principals, or principals.

~~(4)~~(5) All teachers of record, assistant principals, and principals shall have a pre-evaluation conference, midyear evaluation conference, and a summative evaluation conference, in accordance with state board rules. All teachers of record, assistant principals, and principals shall be notified of and have access to the results of the annual summative performance evaluation and any formative observations conducted throughout the school year pursuant to this subsection within ~~five~~ ten working days of such evaluation or observations. A teacher of record, assistant principal, or principal, or an evaluator of any such individuals, may request a conference within ten working days of notice of results of a formative observation and such conference shall be provided within ten working days of the request. Conferences shall include the individual being evaluated, his or her supervisor, and the evaluator, unless otherwise agreed upon. For teachers of record, the annual evaluation shall include multiple classroom observations conducted each year by appropriately trained and credentialed evaluators, using clear, consistent observation rubrics, and supplemented by other measures aligned with student achievement and professional growth. A local school system or charter school may include in its flexibility contract, or other agreement with the State Board of Education for local school systems that are not under a flexibility contract, a provision for a tiered evaluation system, in which reduced observations of certain teachers of record may be conducted to provide additional time for evaluators to coach and mentor new teachers and teachers with a performance rating of 'Needs Development' or 'Ineffective' pursuant to paragraph (4) of this subsection on a pathway of continuous improvement. For the evaluation of teachers of record with a minimum of three years' teaching experience and a performance rating of 'Proficient' or 'Exemplary' pursuant to paragraph (4) of this subsection in the previous school year, the local school system or charter school, in its discretion, shall require no less than two classroom observations and one summative evaluation for the school year.

~~(5)~~(6) In order to ensure proper implementation of the evaluation system developed pursuant to this Code section, the Department of Education shall:

- (A) Establish processes and requirements to determine the teacher of record for purposes of assigning student achievement scores to a teacher in evaluating the teacher's performance;
- (B) Establish processes for roster verification and student teacher linkages in order to assign the student's achievement scores to the teacher for the purposes of evaluating the teacher's performance;
- (C) Establish minimum training and credentialing requirements for evaluators of teachers and principals; and

(D) Provide data systems to support the professional growth of teachers and leaders and facilitate human capital management.

(7) As used in this subsection, the term 'flexibility contract' means a charter for a charter system or a charter school or a contract entered into with the State Board of Education for a strategic waivers school system."

## SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-281, relating to student assessments, as follows:

"20-2-281.

(a) The State Board of Education shall adopt a student assessment program consisting of instruments, procedures, and policies necessary to implement the program and shall fund all costs of providing and scoring such instruments, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly. The student assessment program shall include a comprehensive summative assessment program for grades three through 12. In addition, each local school system shall administer, with state funding, a research based formative assessment with a summative component that is tied to performance indicators in English, language arts/reading, and mathematics in grades one and two, subject to available appropriations. Each local school system may elect to administer, with state funding, nationally norm-referenced instruments in reading, mathematics, science, or social studies in grade three, four, or five and in grade six, seven, or eight, subject to available appropriations, with assistance to such school systems by the State Board of Education with regard to administration guidance, scoring, and reporting of such instruments. Further, the State Board of Education shall adopt a school readiness assessment for students entering first grade and shall administer such assessment pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-151. Each local school system is strongly encouraged to develop and implement a program of multiple formative assessment and intervention assessments in reading and mathematics for kindergarten through third grade and mathematics for kindergarten through fifth grade to ensure that students entering sixth grade are on track to meet grade-level expectations, including mastery in reading by the end of third grade to prepare for the infusion of literacy in subsequent grades and mastery in basic mathematics skills by the end of fifth grade and in accordance with the local school system's five-year strategic plan, performance indicators, and, if applicable, flexibility contract or other agreement with the State Board of Education for local school systems that are not under a flexibility contract. The State Board of Education shall periodically review, revise, and upgrade the content standards. Following the adoption of such content standards, the State Board of Education shall contract for development of end-of-grade assessments to measure the content standards. Such As part of the comprehensive summative assessment program, end-of-grade assessments in English, language arts/reading, and mathematics shall be administered annually to students in grades three through eight, and such tests in science and social studies shall be administered annually to students in grades three through five and eight. These tests shall contain features that allow for

comparability to other states with whom establishing such comparison would be statistically sound; provided, however, that no such comparison shall be conducted which would relinquish any measure of control over assessments to any individual or entity outside the state. ~~This action shall be completed according to a schedule established by the State Board of Education.~~ Further, as part of the comprehensive summative assessment program, the State Board of Education shall adopt and administer, through the Department of Education, end-of-course assessments for students in grades nine through 12 for all core subjects, as determined by the state board. Writing performance shall be assessed, at a minimum, for students in grades three, five, eight, and 11 and may be assessed for students in additional grade levels as designated by the State Board of Education. Such required writing performance assessment may be embedded within the assessments included in the comprehensive summative assessment program. Writing performance results shall be provided to students and their parents. If authorized by federal law, the Department of Education may establish a pilot program for local school systems that have an existing program of multiple formative assessments during the course of the academic year that result in a single summative score that is valid and reliable in measuring individual student achievement or growth and assessing individual student needs or deficiencies, to utilize such local assessments in place of end-of-grade or end-of-course assessments, if provided for in the terms of the local school system's flexibility contract. As used in this subsection, the term 'flexibility contract' means a charter for a charter system or a charter school or a contract entered into with the State Board of Education for a strategic waivers school system.

(b) The nationally norm-referenced instruments provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall provide students and their parents with grade equivalencies and percentile ranks which result from the administration of such instruments. End-of-grade assessments shall provide for results that reflect student achievement at the individual student, classroom, school, system, state, and national levels. The State Board of Education shall participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) and may participate in any other tests that will allow benchmarking this state's performance against national or international performance. The results of such testing shall be provided to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the State Board of Education and shall be reported to the citizens of Georgia. ~~Further, the state board shall adopt a school readiness assessment for students entering first grade and shall administer such assessment pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-151.~~ One of the components in the awarding of salary supplements as part of a pay for performance or related plan under this article may be assessments of student achievement.

(b.1) The State Board of Education shall notify local school systems and individual schools of the results of the assessment instruments administered under this Code section at the earliest possible date determined by the state board, but not later than the beginning of the subsequent school year. In the event the state board is unable to provide timely results in the first year of implementation of a substantially new

assessment instrument, the provisions in paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-283 shall not apply.

(c) The State Board of Education shall have the authority to condition the awarding of a high school diploma to a student upon achievement of satisfactory scores on end-of course assessments and other instruments adopted and administered by the state board pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section ~~and the end-of course assessments adopted and administered by the state board pursuant to subsections (f) and (h) of this Code section~~. The state board is authorized and directed to adopt regulations providing that any disabled child, as defined by the provisions of this article, shall be afforded opportunities to take any test adopted by the state board as a condition for the awarding of a high school diploma. Such regulations shall further provide for appropriate accommodations in the administration of such test. Such regulations shall further provide for the awarding of a special education diploma to any disabled student who is lawfully assigned to a special education program and who does not achieve a passing score on such test or who has not completed all of the requirements for a high school diploma but who has nevertheless completed his or her Individualized Education Program.

(d)(1) The State Board of Education shall develop or adopt alternate assessments to be administered to those students with significant cognitive disabilities, receiving special education services pursuant to Code Section 20-2-152, who cannot access the state adopted content standards without appropriate accommodations to those standards and for whom the assessment instruments adopted under ~~subsections subsection (a) and (f)~~ of this Code section, even with allowable accommodations, would not provide an appropriate measure of student achievement, as determined by the student's Individualized Education Program team. Such alternate assessments shall be aligned with alternate academic achievement standards that have been adopted through a documented and validated standards-setting process, for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities, provided those standards are aligned with the state standards established pursuant to Code Section 20-2-140 and promote access to the general education curriculum, consistent with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The State Board of Education shall ensure that any alternate assessments developed or adopted pursuant to this subsection are in compliance with applicable federal law, but do not impose requirements in excess of such federal law in a manner that unduly burdens a local school system or that does not benefit students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.

(2) A student's Individualized Education Program team shall determine appropriate participation in assessment and identify necessary accommodations in accordance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and state board regulations.

(e) The State Board of Education is authorized to adopt rules, regulations, policies, and procedures regarding accommodations and the participation of limited-English-proficient students, as defined in Code Section 20-2-156, in the assessments described in this Code section.



~~(f) The State Board of Education shall adopt end-of-course assessments for students in grades nine through 12 for all core subjects to be determined by the state board.~~ For those students with an Individualized Education Program, each such student's Individualized Education Program team shall identify necessary accommodations in accordance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and state board regulations.

(g) Under rules adopted by the State Board of Education, the Department of Education shall, subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, release some or all of the questions and answers to each end-of-grade assessment and each end-of-course assessment administered under subsection (a) of this Code section ~~and each end-of-course assessment administered under subsection (h) of this Code section~~ after the last time such assessment is administered for a school year.

~~(h) The State Board of Education, through the Department of Education, shall administer the end-of-course assessments for core subject areas as defined by state board policy. By the 2015-2016 school year, the State Board of Education shall make all end-of-course assessments available for administration online and shall establish rules and regulations to maximize the number of students and school systems utilizing such online assessments.~~

(i) The Department of Education shall develop study guides for the end-of-grade assessments and end-of-course assessments administered pursuant to ~~subsections~~ subsection (a) ~~and (h)~~ of this Code section. Each school system shall distribute the study guides to students who do not perform satisfactorily on one or more parts of an assessment instrument administered under this Code section and to the parents or guardians of such students.

(j) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules and regulations requiring the results of core subject end-of-course assessments to be included as a factor in a student's final grade in the core subject course for which the end-of-course assessment is given.

(k) In addition to the assessment instruments adopted by the State Board of Education and administered by the Department of Education, a local school system may adopt and administer criterion-referenced or norm-referenced assessment instruments, or both, at any grade level. Such locally adopted assessment instruments may not replace the state's adopted assessment instruments for purposes of state accountability programs. A local school system shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred for locally adopted assessment instruments. Students with Individualized Education Programs must be included in the locally adopted assessments or provided an alternate assessment in accordance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

(l) In adopting academic skills assessment instruments under this Code section, the State Board of Education or local school system shall ensure the security of the instruments in their preparation, administration, and scoring. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, meetings or portions of meetings held by the state board or a local board of education at which individual assessment instruments or assessment instrument items are discussed or adopted shall not be open to the public, and the assessment instruments or assessment instrument items shall be confidential.

(m) The results of individual student performance on academic skills assessment instruments administered under this Code section shall be confidential and may be released only in accordance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g.

(n) Overall student performance data shall be disaggregated by ethnicity, sex, socioeconomic status, disability, language proficiency, grade level, subject area, school, system, and other categories determined by policies established by the Office of Student Achievement.

(o) Student performance data shall be made available to the public, with appropriate interpretations, by the State Board of Education, the Office of Student Achievement, and local school system. The information made available to the public shall not contain the names of individual students or teachers.

(p) Teachers in kindergarten through grade 12 shall be offered the opportunity to participate annually in a staff development program on the use of tests within the instructional program designed to improve students' academic achievement. This program shall instruct teachers on curriculum alignment related to tests, disaggregated student test data to identify student academic weaknesses by subtests, and other appropriate applications as determined by the State Board of Education.

(q) The State Board of Education shall consider the passage by a student of an industry certification examination or a state licensure examination which is approved by the State Board of Education or a ~~COMPASS~~ an ACCUPLACER score approved by the State Board of Education when considering whether to grant such student a variance or a waiver of one or more end-of-course assessments or other instruments required by the State Board of Education pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section in order to obtain a Georgia high school diploma; provided, however, that the state board shall not grant a variance to a student unless the student has attempted and failed to pass the relevant end-of-course assessment or assessments at least four times.

(r) In order to maximize classroom instruction time, the State Board of Education shall study and adopt policies beginning with the 2017-2018 school year that will move the end-of-grade and end-of-course assessment testing windows as close to the end of the school year or semester as possible. The Department of Education shall prepare and submit a report to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Education and Youth Committee no later than December 31, 2016, regarding proposed policies and obstacles that prevent testing windows from being scheduled later in the school year or semester. Local school systems are strongly encouraged to administer any such state required assessments within the last week of the school system's midyear semester, for assessments administered at the end of a midyear semester, and within the last two weeks of the school year for the school system, for assessments administered at the end of the academic year.

(s) All assessments adopted or developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to this Code section shall be verified for reliability and validity by a nationally recognized, research based, third-party evaluator."

**SECTION 3.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-989.7, relating to matters not subject to complaint, as follows:

"(a) The performance ratings contained in personnel evaluations conducted pursuant to Code Section 20-2-210, professional development plans, and job performance shall not be subject to complaint under the provisions of this part; provided, however, this shall not apply to procedural deficiencies on the part of the local school system or charter school in conducting an evaluation pursuant to Code Section 20-2-210. The termination, nonrenewal, demotion, suspension, or reprimand of any employee, as set forth in Code Section 20-2-940, and the revocation, suspension, or denial of certificates of any employee, as set forth in Code Section 20-2-984.5, shall not be subject to complaint under the provisions of this part."

**SECTION 4.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Cooke	Y Harden	E Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
E Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	Y Stephenson
Y Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stovall
Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	Y Stover
Y Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Drenner	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	Y Jones, L	Y Price	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Y Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efstration	Y Jordan	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	Y Thomas, E
Y Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	Y Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	Y Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Fludd	Y LaRiccica	Y Rhodes	Y Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser

Y Carter, A	Y Frye	Y Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter, D	Y Gardner	Y Mabra	Y Rogers, T	E Wilkinson
E Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Y Martin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	E Mayo	Y Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 402. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Burke of the 11th, Harper of the 7th and Watson of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs, so as to provide for a moratorium on the issuance of new licenses to narcotic treatment programs; to create the State Commission on Narcotic Treatment Programs; to provide legislative findings and intent; to provide for the membership, powers, duties, compensation, and allowances of the commission; to provide for the abolishment of the commission; to suspend the acceptance of applications and issuing of licenses for narcotic treatment programs for a certain period; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

#### A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs, so as to provide for a temporary moratorium on the issuance of new applications for licensure of narcotic treatment programs; to create the State Commission on Narcotic Treatment Programs; to provide for the membership, powers, duties, compensation, and allowances of the commission; to provide for the abolishment of the commission; to suspend the acceptance of applications for licensure of narcotic treatment programs for a certain period; to provide for exceptions; to provide legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

With respect to the licensure of narcotic treatment programs in this state, the General Assembly finds that:

- (1) There is a vital need for narcotic treatment programs that provide adequate medical, counseling, vocational, educational, mental health assessment, and social services to patients enrolled in the narcotic treatment program with the goal of the individual achieving recovery;
- (2) There is a growing concern as to the numbers and concentration of narcotic treatment programs located in certain parts of this state and that concentration of such narcotic treatment programs is in cities along Georgia's borders with neighboring states;
- (3) There are reported and documented increases in heroin addiction and overdoses throughout this state;
- (4) There is a grave concern over the public's well-being concerning the potential abuses of methadone and its relationship to geographic proximity, the population being served, and whether patients are receiving adequate treatment;
- (5) Georgia is eighth in population but third nationally in the number of narcotic treatment programs; and
- (6) There is a need to study the narcotic treatment program licensure requirements and enforcement and other issues that may arise out of this study.

**SECTION 2.**

Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"26-5-21.

(a) There is created the State Commission on Narcotic Treatment Programs to be composed of three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; three members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate; five members to be appointed by the Governor to include the commissioner of community health or his or her designee, the commissioner of behavioral health and developmental disabilities or his or her designee, and three members who represent a cross section of interests of narcotic treatment program owners, pharmacists, and law enforcement. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall each select a cochairperson. The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the commission. Administrative support for the commission shall be provided by the staff of the Department of Community Health, as appropriate.

(b) The legislative members of the commission shall be entitled to receive the compensation and allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8. Members of the commission who are state officials, other than legislative members, or state employees

shall receive no compensation for their services on the commission but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the commission in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees. Members of the commission who are not legislators, state officials, or state employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees, and the funds for payment thereof shall come from funds of the Department of Community Health.

(c) The commission may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Code section.

(d) The commission shall perform the following by December 31, 2016:

(1) Examine the current narcotic treatment program licensure requirements for adequacy;

(2) Assess how the current licensure requirements and enforcement of such requirements meet the purpose of providing adequate medical, counseling, vocational, educational, mental health assessment, and social services to patients enrolled in these programs and how these programs can be assessed for meeting the narcotic treatment program goal of the individual achieving recovery;

(3) Determine if the geographic service areas are reasonable and based on an optimal balance between population density and service proximity and whether the sociodemographic in the service area and the projected population to receive services are being considered;

(4) Determine the cause and effect of hospital admittance for overdose and incidents of suicide, if any, in relation to the adequate licensure and oversight of these programs;

(5) Determine what legislative changes need to be made to licensure requirements of narcotic treatment programs or any other changes to the law to address concerns that arise out of this study; and

(6) Solicit expert testimony on the efficacy of nonnarcotic, medically assisted treatments for narcotic dependence.

(e) A temporary moratorium on the acceptance of new applications for licensure of narcotic treatment programs authorized under this chapter through June 30, 2017, would provide the General Assembly with time to study the need for any changes to the licensure requirements for the operation of such programs and the enactment of any other additional laws to ensure the safety of Georgia's citizens. New applications for licensure of narcotic treatment programs in this state shall be temporarily suspended starting from the effective date of this Code section through and including June 30, 2017, in order to permit the commission to complete its report and recommendations and to permit the General Assembly to act on those recommendations during the 2017 legislative session.

(f) Between the effective date of this Code section and June 30, 2017, the department shall not accept any new applications for licensure of narcotic treatment programs.

(g) The temporary suspension of new applications for licensure of narcotic treatment programs shall not affect applications pending on the effective date of this Code section, program renewals, program name changes, program location changes, or program ownership changes.

(h) The commission shall stand abolished on January 1, 2017."

### SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on June 1, 2016.

### SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Cooke	Y Harden	E Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatcher	Y Morris	Y Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
E Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	Y Stephenson
Y Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stovall
Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	Y Stover
Y Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Drenner	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	Y Jones, L	Y Price	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Y Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efstration	Y Jordan	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	Y Thomas, E
Y Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	Y Rakestraw	Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	Y Waites
Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	Y Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Fludd	Y LaRiccica	Y Rhodes	Y Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	Y Frye	Y Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter, D	Y Gardner	Y Mabra	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
E Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	Y Rutledge	Y Willard

Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Y Martin	Y Rynders	Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	E Mayo	Y Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 269. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Heath of the 31st, Thompson of the 14th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Martin of the 9th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 36-80-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies by local governmental entities, so as to require local governing bodies to provide certain entities with a certification of compliance with such Code section as a condition of funding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Abrams	Y Cooke	Y Harden	E Metze	N Smith, E
N Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	N Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatcher	Y Morris	N Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	N Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dawkins-Haigler	N Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	N Oliver	N Stephens, M
E Beasley-Teague	N Dickerson	N Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	N Stephenson
N Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	N Stovall
N Bennett, T	Y Dollar	N Howard	Y Peake	Y Stover
Bentley	N Douglas	N Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	N Drenner	N Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
N Beverly	N Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	N Jones, L	Y Price	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	N Ealum	N Jones, S	N Prince	Y Teasley
N Bruce	Y Efrstration	N Jordan	Y Pruett	N Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Ehrhart	N Kaiser	Y Quick	N Thomas, E
N Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	N Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	N Kendrick	Y Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	N Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	N Waites



Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	N Randall	Y Watson
N Cannon	Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	N Fludd	Y LaRicca	Y Rhodes	Y Weldon
Y Carson	N Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	Frye	Y Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	N Wilkerson
N Carter, D	N Gardner	N Mabra	Y Rogers, T	E Wilkinson
E Casas	Y Gasaway	N Marin	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Y Martin	Y Rynders	N Williams, A
Y Cheokas	N Glanton	Y Maxwell	N Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	E Mayo	Y Setzler	N Williams, E
Y Clark, H	N Gordon	Y McCall	N Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	N McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 118, nays 52.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

By unanimous consent, the following Resolution of the Senate was postponed until the next legislative day:

SR 954. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Jones of the 25th, Kennedy of the 18th, Kirk of the 13th, Bethel of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of nonexclusive easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in the counties of Bartow, Bulloch, Carroll, Chatham, Columbia, Coweta, DeKalb, Emanuel, Gordon, Henry, Marion, Murray, Paulding, Sumter, Ware, and Whitfield; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Representative Stephens of the 164th District, Chairman of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 417 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Stephens of the 164th  
Chairman

Representative Coleman of the 97th District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 310      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Coleman of the 97th  
Chairman

Representative Rynders of the 152nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 85      Do Pass, by Substitute  
SB 145      Do Pass, by Substitute  
SB 323      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Rynders of the 152nd  
Chairman

Representative Rogers of the 29th District, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 18      Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Rogers of the 29th  
Chairman

Representative Willard of the 51st District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 255      Do Pass, by Substitute  
SB 345      Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Willard of the 51st  
Chairman

Representative Maxwell of the 17th District, Chairman of the Committee on Regulated Industries, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Regulated Industries has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 369      Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Maxwell of the 17th  
Chairman

Representative Powell of the 171st District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 258      Do Pass, by Substitute  
SB 379      Do Pass, by Substitute  
SR 604      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Powell of the 171st  
Chairman

Representative Burns of the 159th moved that the House stand in recess until 4:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 4:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.